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SUMMARY: DANES HAVE TOLD SOUTH KOREANS THAT THEY WILL NOT
CO-SPONSOR THE DRAFT KOREAN RESOLUTION BUT WISH TO "KEEP
THEIR OPTIONS OPEN." BRITISH, DUTCH, CANADIAN AND JAPAN-
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ESE EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES SUPPORT CONTINUING INFORMAL

REPRESENTATIONS TO DANES TO ASSURE THEIR EVENTUAL SUPPORT.
END SUMMARY.

1. EMBOFF CALLED ON KALUS KAPEL, MFA OFFICER RESPONSIBLE FOR ASIAN AND UN MATTERS, ON JULY 14 TO SOUND OUT CURRENT DANISH POSITION ON THE KOREAN RESOLUTION. KAPEL SIAD THAT POLITICAL DIRECTOR BORCH HAD RATHER FIRMLY EXPRESSED THE DANISH GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION NOT TO CO-SPONSOR THE DRAFT KOREAN RESOLUTION TO SOUTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR KEW SUNG LEE RECENTLY. KAPEL EXPLAINED THAT THE DANES CONSIDER IT UNFORTUNATE THAT THE KOREAN ISSUE EVOLVES INTO A CONFRONTATION EVERY YEAR AT THE G.A. SESSION AND CONSEQUENTLY SEE THEIR ROLE AS A MEDIATOR ATTEMPTING TO DEFUSE THE ISSUE THROUGH COMPROMISE. A SECOND CONSIDERATION, HE SAID, WAS THE FACT THAT DENMARK RECOGNIZES BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA. THE DANES, HOWEVER, CONSIDERED THE US AND KOREAN INITIATIVE OF JUNE 27 "VERY USEFUL AND TIMELY", KAPEL SAID, BUT AT THE PRESENT TIME AT LEAST THEY WISH TO KEEP THEIR OPTIONS OPEN.

2. IN RESPONSE TO EMBOFF'S INQUIRY AS TO DANISH ALIGNMENT PREFERENCE, I.E., WHETHER THEY PREFERRED TO BE ALIGNED WITH THE EC COUNTRIES ON THIS ISSUE OR WITH THE NORDICS, KAPEL SAID HE THOUGHT THAT THERE WOULD NOT BE A UNANIMOUS POSITION IN EITHER GROUPING AND THAT THIS WOULD GIVE THE DANES ROOM TO MANEUVER IN THEIR CHOSEN ROLE AS MEDIATOR. WITHIN THE EC HE SAID OPINION RANGED FROM THE DTUCH AND BRITISH CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THE RESOLUTION TO THE FRENCH TENDENCY TO IDENTIFY WITH THE ASIAN VIEW.

3) HE ASKED WHETHER THE KOREAN ITEM WOULD NOT FORM AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE NATO CONSULTATIONS ON UNGA ISSUES PROPOSED FOR JULY 23 (REFTEL B), ADDING THAT THE DANES, UNFORTUNATELY, WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO THAT MEETING. THE REPORTING OFFICER REPLIED THAT HE ASSUMED IT WOULD AND PROMISED TO PROVIDE KAPEL WITH MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION REGARDING THE PROBABLE TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED.

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4. KAPEL HAD NO INFORMATION REGARDING THE REASON FOR THE CANCELLATION OF NORTH KOREAN FOREIGN MINISTER HO TAM'S VISIT TO SCANDINAVIA. HE CONSIDERED IT POSSIBLE THAT THE US AND ROK INITIATIVE ON JUNE 27 HAD KEPT HO TAM AT HOME TO RE-EVALUATE NORTH KOREAN TACTICS BUT SAID THAT IT COULD JUST AS WELL HAVE BEEN DUE TO PURELY TECHNICAL SCHEDULING PROBLEMS. THE THREE DAY VISIT IN DENMARK HAD BEEN SET FOR THE SECOND WEEK IN JULY BUT HAD

BEEN SUDDENLY CALLED OFF BY THE NORTH KOREANS ON APPROXIMATELY JULY 4.

5. IN FURTHER CONSULTATIONS JULY 14 PURSUANT TO REF C, BRITISH, DUTCH, CANADIAN AND JAPANESE EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSED AGREEMENT GENERALLY THAT THE DANES SHOULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO CO-SPONSOR THE RESOLUTION BUT THAT CONTINUING INFORMAL REPRESENTATIONS DURING THE COMING WEEKS WOULD BE USEFUL IN ASSURING THEIR EVENTUAL SUPPORT. IT WAS THE GENERAL VIEW THAT THE PRESENT SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT WOULD BE LESS LIKELY THAN ITS LIBERAL PREDECESSOR TO SUPPORT THE RESOLUTION AND THAT CONSULTATIONS WITH THE OTHER NORDICS, PARTICULARLY SWEDEN AND NORWAY, WOULD BE MORE INFLUENTIAL ON THE EVENTUAL DANISH DECISION THIS YEAR THAN LAST. THIS INDICATED THAT REPRESENTATIONS SHOULD BE MADE AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL, AND IT WAS AGREED TO RECOMMEND THAT THE AMBASSADORS OF THE CO-SPONSORING STATES USE AVAILABLE OCCASIONS TO INSURE THAT FONMIN ANDERSEN IS KEPT AWARE OF THEIR CONTINUING INTEREST IN THIS ISSUE.

6. WE WILL REMAIN IN CONTACT WITH THIS GROUP OF CO-SPONSOR REPS AND THE KOREAN EMBASSY IN COORDINATING FUTURE REPRESENTATIONS WITH THE MFA.
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